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FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, TRANSMITTING REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 2:

I have also considered the problem of certain public lands in so far as they present overlapping jurisdiction between the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.

In so far as crops, including tree crops, are involved there is something to be said for their retention in the Department of Agriculture. But where lands are to be kept for the primary purpose of recreation and permanent public use and conservation they fall more logically into the Department of the Interior.

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UTILIZATION STUDIES:

Range Examiner Deming has devised a method of making range utilization checks on the Federal range. This method follows the natural laws of plant growth and their endeavor to survive against the odds of climate and use. In demonstrating this method, Mr. Deming has conducted field trips in 14 grazing districts located in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. Accompanying him were stockmen and the administrative officials of the districts. On one occasion the entire advisory board joined the party and all who have come in contact with this method of range-use appraisal endorse it highly. Briefly, the method involves the recording on appropriate forms of the actual range use and a comparison of range conditions based on the observations made with the records of licensed use on the area. These comparisons supply the basis for range management practices involving correct grazing seasons and proper stocking of the range.

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FIRST NATIONAL WILD LIFE EXPERIMENT STATION DEDICATED:

Dedication of the Patuxent Research Refuge comprising approximately 3,000 acres near Bowie, Maryland, under the administration of the Bureau of Biological Survey was sponsored by the National Wild Life Federation, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, June 3, at 3 p.m.

The projected program for this first national wild life experiment station is intended to benefit wild life in general; to find out under what

conditions wild life may be produced on wastelands retired from agriculture; and to determine the interrelationships of agricultural and forestry practices upon wild life.

Ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, and whitetail deer are being restored. Bobwhite quail, the principal upland bird in the East, is receiving primary consideration. Opossums, squirrels, foxes, skunk, raccoons, and muskrats are on the refuge. Waterfowl will be studied on the lake, and it is planned to reintroduce beaver in suitable locations. In addition to general farming and forestry practices, game bird and animal propagation will be undertaken to improve game farming technique.

Formal dedication of the refuge was made by Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; addresses were made by Hon. Key Pittman, Chairman, U. S. Senate Committee on Conservation; Hon. A. Willis Robertson, Chairman, House Committee on Conservation; and Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey.

The formal dedication was followed by a barbeque for the officials of the National Wild Life Federation and their friends at the picnic grounds on the refuge property. The dedication was attended by the following members of the Division of Grazing: R. H. Rutledge, Edward N. Kavanagh, Mr. and Mrs. Depue Falck, Jean McManus, and Pauline Coleman.

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CONGRATULATIONS BOB!

On Tuesday, June 6, the annual commencement of Southeastern University was held in Memorial Continental Hall. Hon. Bolitha J. Laws, Associate Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia was the commencement speaker. Robert Price, clerk in the Washington office assigned to the examination of leases and contracts, received his LL.B. degree. Bob is to be especially congratulated since he earned his degree by attending school two hours in the morning before coming to work.

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CONGRATULATIONS BUD!

A. D. Molohon received the honorary degree Master of Agriculture at the annual commencement of Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon, on Monday, May 29.

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DIVISION ORDER NO. 16

As the first step in the organization of the Division of Grazing as approved by the Secretary on May 13, the following-listed assignments were made effective on June 1, 1939:

Chief, Branch of Operations	Depue Falck
Chief, Branch of Range Management	Edward N. Kavanagh

Assistant Chief, Branch of Range Management	Gerald M. Kerr
Chief, Branch of Range Improvement and Maintenance	Albin D. Molohon
Chief, Branch of Land Acquisition and Control	Archie D. Ryan
Regional Grazier, Region 5	J. E. Stablein

We are pleased to note that the transplanted range rider, formerly of the Rio Grande, survived the baptism he received in the Snake.

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PAINT SEZ:

Speaking of tight organizations--jest by instinct them DG (doggone) field men came driftin in the day I got back from Washington and the effete East--said they just throwed their heads up and winded me--So we had one of them in service meetins and I had to make a speech:

> "Well boys I got a lot of fresh powders while up to the headquarters ranch which I won't try to tell you all of them now. We will go ahead like we been doin. If you ketch by the head, I'll heel for you and if I ketch by the head you heel for me--only I think with this new range boss we got it would be a good idea to take to ketching and not miss too many loops."

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J. Q. Peterson returned on June 3 after a 2-week absence in the West. During his field trip, Mr. Peterson attended the funeral of his mother at Salt Lake City. Mrs. Peterson died May 19 following a lingering illness.

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Mrs. Hugh C. Lewis, wife of the Chief Engineer, CCC, died in Salt Lake City on June 2 as a result of complications from an operation.

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This office was shocked to learn that the automobile in which J. H. Leech, his wife and daughter, and Miss Luella Christensen, of Ogden, Utah, were travelling to Washington was involved in a collision near Uniontown, Pa., on Saturday, June 3. We are anxiously awaiting details of the accident. We were notified by telephone that Mrs. Leech was seriously injured and that the others were shocked and bruised. Leland Graham of the Solicitor's office went to Uniontown Sunday to render any possible assistance.

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The plea for contributions is bearing fruit as evidenced by those received from Range Examiner Bryan concerning utilization studies and Regional Grazier Painter giving sage advice on the technique of fancy roping. How about some others?

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